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Addendum

91/ . United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Governing Council,

Recalling the mandate of the United Nations Development Fund for Women as set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984,

Recognizing the contributions made by the United Nations Development Fund for Women to placing women on mainstream development agenda and to fostering innovative and catalytic activities directly benefiting women in their economic role,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1991/46) and in particular the presentation of the long- and short-term priorities of the Fund;

2. Also takes note of the continuing policy advice given to the Administrator by the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

3. Encourages the United Nations Development Fund for Women to strengthen its broad range of linkages with the development agencies of the United Nations system, national governments, financial institutions, women's groups, non-governmental organizations and women in academia, business and public life in order to integrate gender concerns and women into all development efforts;

4. Further encourages the increasing support by national committees to the fund-raising and advocacy work of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

5. Stresses that the United Nations Development Fund for Women should strengthen its capacity to monitor, evaluate and document its experimental and catalytic experiences and disseminate its findings to facilitate the integration of women into mainstream economic development;

6. Commends the United Nations Development Fund for Women for the remarkable increase in programme delivery resulting from improved programme management systems and encourages the Fund to assure that the quality of its programmes is sustained;

7. Expresses its appreciation to Governments, national committees, non-governmental organizations and individuals for their growing financial support to enable the United Nations Development Fund for Women to strengthen its flexibility and its capacity to reach out to women in developing countries;

8. Invites increasing contributions from all member States to the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

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Addendum

91/___. Role of the United Nations Development Programme in combating HIV and AIDS

The Governing Council,

Recognizing that development may be placed in jeopardy and the nature of technical cooperation challenged and changed by the human immune deficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) pandemic,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in combating HIV and AIDS (DP/1991/15) prepared in response to Governing Council decision 90/25 of 22 June 1990;

2. Welcomes the steps taken by the Administrator to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme to assist and coordinate with Governments, community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, HIV-related regional institutions, private sector organizations and other institutions and groups to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate programmes dealing with the developmental effects of the HIV/AIDS pandemic;

3. Notes the policy framework for the United Nations Development Programme's response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic (DP/1991/57);

4. Invites the Administrator to continue and intensify his efforts to lessen the negative impact of the pandemic on development within the framework of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS and the WHO/UNDP

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91/__. Integration of women in development

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on women in development (DP/1991/14);

2. Notes that the commitment and effort under way to integrate gender issues should be intensified during the fifth programming cycle;

3. Requests the Administrator to intensify and expand training in gender issues and development in view of the increasing decentralization of the responsibility for women in development to operational units at headquarters and to field offices;

4. Also requests the Administrator to intensify and expand United Nations Development Programme coordination and cooperation with other multilateral and bilateral donors in the area of training in gender issues and development, taking into account lessons learned in this regard;

5. Confirms the need to pursue national capacity-building for mainstreaming gender issues into development cooperation and requests the Administrator to draw upon national expertise in strengthening the capacity of Governments to develop and implement gender-sensitive programmes;

6. Reiterates its request that the Administrator carry out in 1992 a review on progress made since the base-line study undertaken in 1990 on the implementation of the mandate of the United Nations Development Programme for women in development and report thereon to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

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Addendum

91/__. United Nations Population Fund

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The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, reaffirmed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1986/7 of 21 May 1986, and taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the thirty-eighth session (1991) of the Governing Council during consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Population Fund,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 45/216 of 21 December 1990 on population and development,

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, consistent with basic human rights and with the responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1990 (DP/1991/28, parts I, II and III), including the special section on the implementation of modified criteria in designating priority countries;

2. Encourages all countries to initiate, increase or resume, as appropriate, contributions in 1991 and future years and to make their payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made;

3. Notes with satisfaction the report on the implementation of the strategy for the United Nations Population Fund's assistance to sub-Saharan Africa (DP/1991/33), encourages the Fund to continue to direct its assistance to the priority areas of the strategy (namely, (a) intensifying public information, education and communication programmes to encourage attitudinal change; (b) encouraging the integration of population into development planning and the formulation and implementation of population policies; (c) supporting birth-spacing/family planning information and service programmes; and (d) contributing to the improvement of the status of women) as well as to institutional strengthening; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the continued implementation of the strategy, including proposals on ways and means of addressing the constraints noted in the report;

4. Also notes with satisfaction the status report on the implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development (DP/1991/32); welcomes the increasing proportion of women on the staff of the United Nations Population Fund; approves the extension of the strategy for another four years (1991-1994), addressing in particular the priority areas outlined in the concluding section of the report (namely, (a) design of comprehensive training programmes; (b) development of a comprehensive reporting mechanism; (c) improvement of the technical dimension of assistance to women, population and development programming; and (d) strengthening of links with local non-governmental organizations); encourages the Fund to implement policy guidelines on the promotion of women in all population activities it assists; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the status of the implementation of the strategy;

5. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on contraceptive requirements and demand for contraceptive commodities in developing countries in the 1990s (DP/1991/34) and recognizes the importance of the cost-effective and adequate supply and distribution of contraceptives to developing countries;

6. Requests the United Nations Population Fund, in cooperation with interested parties, to develop and refine at the request of the countries concerned country-specific estimates for contraceptive needs that would take into account condom requirements for the prevention of human immune deficiency virus infection (HIV)/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and would include estimates for the cost of logistical requirements and for the improvement of the transport, storage, distribution and management of contraceptives;

7. Notes the existing contraceptive procurement facilities within the United Nations Population Fund and the opportunity for developing countries to avail themselves of its services, if they so wish;

8. Requests the United Nations Population Fund to assist the development of local production facilities, where feasible, with due attention

to international quality standards; and encourages the United Nations Population Fund to help developing countries improve the quality of locally produced contraceptives;

9. Further requests the United Nations Population Fund to assist developing countries to build up national capacity, with a view to achieving self-reliance in the area of contraceptive supply and management;

10. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue working with a consultative group of interested parties in order to exchange and update information and to seek to increase resources for the provision of contraceptives;

11. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to submit as part of the annual report a progress report on the implementation of paragraphs 5 through 10;

12. Notes the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund to integrate HIV/AIDS prevention activities in maternal and child health and family planning programmes and encourages the Fund to continue to work in close cooperation with the World Health Organization and other relevant agencies in this work;

13. Further notes the preparatory process for the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994, which includes, inter alia, regional meetings and conferences, to be convened by the respective United Nations regional commissions, and six expert group meetings corresponding to the six main issues requiring special attention; encourages countries that are able to do so to make voluntary contributions towards the costs of the Conference and its preparatory process; and requests the Executive Director to inform the Council at its regular sessions on the preparations for the Conference, including the status of financial arrangements;

14. Notes with satisfaction the Fund's 1991 State of World Population report entitled "Choice or Chance?"; reaffirms that free choice in the matter of family size is a fundamental human right for both women and men; endorses the view that family planning contributes to the health and security of women, children, the family, the community and the nation; recognizes that voluntary use of family planning methods contributes to integrating population activities in the efforts to achieve sustained development world wide; calls upon the Fund to increase its efforts both to deliver family planning services to all who need them and to reinforce information and education programmes in support of family planning; and further calls upon the Fund to continue to increase awareness through its public information activities in both developed and developing countries on issues relating to population and development;

15. Takes note with appreciation of the activities undertaken by the United Nations Population Fund to promote awareness of the linkages among population, the environment and development and encourages the Executive Director to work in close cooperation with the secretariat of the United

Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 and other concerned bodies to ensure that population is given an appropriate place in the substantive agenda of the Conference in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

16. Requests the Executive Director, in view of the emphasis in General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, on, inter alia, the need to ensure maximum utilization of national execution of projects, to submit for the consideration and approval of the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) draft guidelines on national execution, taking into account the previous experience of the United Nations Population Fund in this area;

17. Stresses the importance of enhancing coordination of population activities at the national level, under the overall guidance of national authorities, as well as the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund to strengthen national capacity and utilization of local and regional expertise and competence in this regard; also stresses the need for continued strong support by the United Nations Population Fund to the regional commissions in their efforts to promote population activities at the regional and national levels, provided it is requested by the developing countries; welcomes the concrete progress that has been made in collaborative efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund and requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to enhance further such efforts; looks forward to the joint report on collaborative programme activities of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, which is to be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992); and requests the Executive Director to submit to the Council at its fortieth session (1993) a similar report on collaborative programme activities with the World Bank and regional development banks, covering, inter alia, United Nations Population Fund activities in the social dimensions of structural adjustment programmes;

18. Further requests the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) a proposal for a medium-term operational strategy, presenting the United Nations Population Fund's evolving role and functions in the coming years and their implications in terms of organizational adaptations and quantitative and qualitative staffing requirements at headquarters and in the field, considering the evolution of needs and means in the field of population and the necessity to promote an optimal division of labour and sharing of responsibilities among the different partners;

19. Expresses concern over the relatively modest increase in voluntary contributions to the United Nations Population Fund in 1991, especially in view of projected annual resource increments needed to reach the target of allocations to population activities from all sources of $9 billion per year by the year 2000, endorsed by the Governing Council in decision 90/35 of 20 June 1990 and by the General Assembly in resolution 45/216 of 21 December 1990, and requests the Executive Director to take into account the possibility of the continuation of such contribution patterns in future

budgeting and programming and to seek every means possible to increase the effectiveness and impact of existing resources.

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The Governing Council,

Having considered the work plan for 1992-1995 and request for approval authority (DP/1991/30) and the report on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved United Nations Population Fund programmes and projects (DP/1991/31),

1. Endorses the Executive Director's programme resource planning proposals set out in paragraphs 12 to 34 of document DP/1991/30 with the proviso that the level of the operational reserve shall be modified (from 25 per cent of expected voluntary contributions to 20 per cent) as noted in paragraph 19 of decision 91/__;

2. Reiterates the need, as emphasized in Governing Council decision 90/35 B of 20 June 1990, for future allocations of resources to meet the target of an 80 per cent allocation of country programme resources to priority countries by 1994 and, taking into account the specific needs and priorities of individual countries, to reflect sufficiently the priority given to the substantive area of family planning, as set out in Governing Council decision 81/7 of 23 June 1981;

3. Approves the request for the new programme expenditure level in the amount of $201.3 million for 1992;

4. Endorses the use of the following estimates for new programmable resources for the period 1993-1995, which will have to be adjusted according to actual contributions: $225.7 million for 1993, $255.6 million for 1994 and $281.9 million for 1995.

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Addendum

91/__. Technical cooperation among developing countries

A

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990 which lists technical cooperation among developing countries as one of the six areas in which the United Nations Development Programme should focus on building and strengthening national capacity,

Bearing in mind decision 7/5 of 6 June 1991 of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries concerning progress made by the United Nations development system in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/

1. Requests the Administrator to ensure that the necessary effective measures be taken for the use of the technical cooperation among developing countries modality in the formulation, preparation, execution and evaluation of projects financed from regional, interregional and global programmes and from national indicative planning figures, whenever so decided by each

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1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

Government, and in projects financed from Special Programme Resources in the fifth programming cycle;

2. Invites the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the implementation of the present decision.

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The Governing Council,

Recalling decision 6/3 of 29 September 1989 of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, in particular paragraphs 15 and 16 thereof, and Governing Council decision 90/43 of 20 June 1990,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator containing the views of organizations of the United Nations development system on the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations of the United Nations development system concerning technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC/7/10 and Add.1);

2. Welcomes decision 7/1 of 6 June 1991 of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, which contains, inter alia, its recommendation on the preparation of guidelines for the coordination and review of policies and procedures concerning technical cooperation among developing countries in the organizations of the United Nations development system;

3. Requests the Administrator, in cooperation with other organizations of the United Nations development system, to facilitate the implementation of decision 7/1 of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries;

4. Invites the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the implementation of the present decision.

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Addendum

91/__. United Nations technical cooperation activities

A

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 90/37 of 20 June 1990, in which, inter alia, it requested the Administrator to report on the results of the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to establish a more effective division of labour and a more complementary relationship, and to devise ways and means of eliminating duplicative administrative support activities and strengthening technical support activities,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 30 May 1991 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities (DP/1991/41 and Add.1-3) and the report of the Administrator on cooperation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development (DP/1991/42) and the views expressed during the debate thereon,

Reiterating the importance of closer collaboration between the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme in the provision of technical and management services as well as non-project types of activities in sectoral areas where the Department has already developed the necessary technical expertise, capacity and experience,

Emphasizing that intensified cooperation should take account of the comparative advantages of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme to maintain their ability to respond effectively to the needs of developing countries,

1. Notes that the efforts to intensify the cooperation between the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme have been limited;

2. Requests the Administrator, in close association with the Secretary-General, to initiate a detailed study, which may include inputs by an external consultant, on all options of closer cooperation between the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme, and to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) on the results thereof;

3. Decides to forward its views on the report of the Administrator to the General Assembly in time to contribute to the Assembly's further review of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields at its forty-sixth session, in accordance with resolution 45/264 of 30 May 1991.

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Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities (DP/1991/41 and Add.1-3) and of the views expressed during the debate thereon,

Recalling its decision 91/3 of 22 February 1991 on Special Programme Resources and the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations of the Social Dimensions of Adjustment project and national technical cooperation assessments and programmes contained in document DP/1991/17,

1. Urges the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund to use to full advantage the technical competence and services available as appropriate from the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development;

2. Welcomes the efforts of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to help increase national capacities for project execution and implementation and encourages it to continue such work, including training in the process aspects of technical cooperation and for strengthening of central management and implementation units within government offices, upon request;

3. Requests the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to continue to give attention to the provision of information on its capabilities and services so that the nature and availability of these will become more widely known and understood.

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Addendum

91/__. Regional economic integration

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990 containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Taking into account recent important decisions by many developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean to engage in regional economic integration processes,

Reiterating the importance of regional economic integration for promoting economic growth and development, as well as the importance of support for regional integration from developed countries and international organizations,

1. Emphasizes that the promotion of regional economic integration forms part of the activities for technical cooperation among developing countries;

2. Decides that regional economic integration should be included among the specific areas of analysis of regional programmes with a view to identifying activities in support of regional economic integration processes;

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Addendum

91/__. United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (DP/1991/45) and of the views expressed during the debate in the Governing Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989, included the "protection and management of land resources by, inter alia, combating deforestation, desertification and drought" among the issues of major concern and accorded greater attention to drought and desertification in the goals and objectives of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. Notes the progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in fulfilling its mandate;

2. Encourages the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue, in full coordination with the country programming process and in line with General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, to assist the efforts of Governments in the establishment of sectoral strategies for the protection, rehabilitation and management of natural productive resources;

3. Takes note of the important contribution of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in their preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and encourages the Office to continue and intensify its efforts in this area;

4. Encourages the Administrator, in close cooperation with the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, to facilitate the exchange of information on experience gained from the activities of the Office in the Sudano-Sahelian region in order to assist countries of other regions of Africa which are subject to drought and desertification;

5. Renews its appeal to Governments and organizations to initiate, continue or increase contributions to the general resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as well as to earmarked project activities and to make use of its services;

6. Requests the Administrator to report biennially to the Governing Council on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office.